

# Addressing NPF4's Climate Challenge

Scotland's EIA Conference 2023 - Workshop

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## **Introduction – 5 minutes**

- Introducing your workshop facilitators
- NPF 4 and EIA Context
- Workshop Questions

## **Group Discussion – 20 minutes**

- Four groups
- One question per group

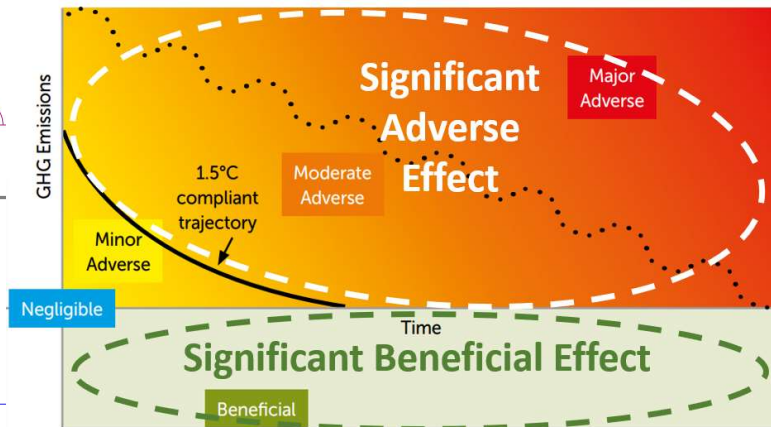
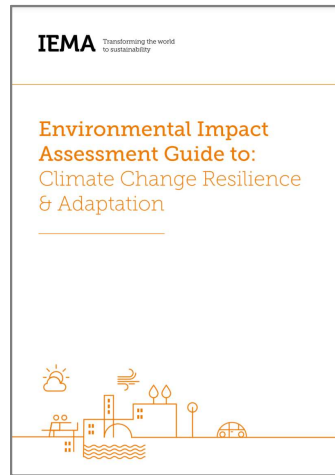
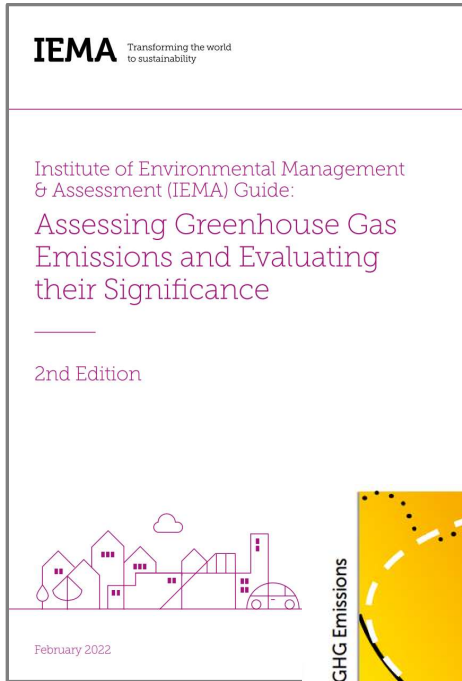
## **Feedback – 10 minutes**

- Nominate a speaker from your group
- 2 minute summary of key points

## What is NPF4's "Climate Challenge"?

- Net zero and climate adaptation
- NPF4 part of statutory development plan
- Planning decisions must be in accordance with NPF4.
- Policies are a balancing act...but significant weight given to climate and nature crises in all decisions
- Planning decisions to consider lifecycle GHG emissions as far as possible
- National Developments – Energy Innovation, Pumped Hydro Storage, Strategic Renewable Energy Generation/Transmission, Urban Mass Transit Networks,

# IEMA Climate Change EIA Guidance



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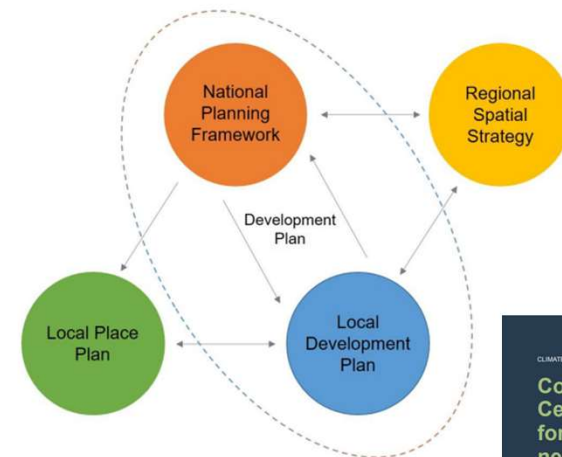
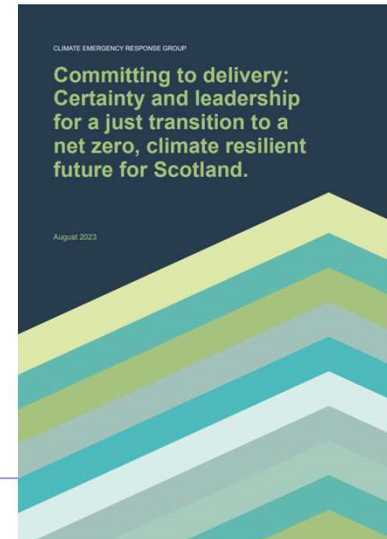


Figure 1 – Spatial plans and the statutory development plan



## Group Discussion Questions

1. How can EIA support decision makers in assessing the NPF4 test for “significant weight” to be given to the climate crisis?
2. A “Just Transition” to net zero...can EIA influence this? If so, how?
3. NPF4 is an expression of SG policy and as such it will be a significant consideration in any non-planning regime. What do you think are the challenges/opportunities across the different EIA consenting routes in addressing the climate challenge?
4. How will EIA provide decision makers with proportionate and realistic information on lifecycle GHG emissions – lots of unknowns at the planning stage. Operation, decommissioning –can these be regulated in the long term by EIA mitigation/commitments?

**Group Feedback...**



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